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According to several sub-sources high up in the Government and close to King Michael, the following developments took place in the most recent "crisis" regarding the formation of a new government.

1. On the morning of 4 November, General Sanatesou, Prime Minister announced the resignation of all government ministers and announced tentative plans for the formation of a new governs According to him, the new government would be political in character with all ministries and sub-ministries filled by members of the four main political parties and "satellites", Sanatesou would continue as Prime Minister and Groza, the Commist candidate, would be Vice President. Viscianu would be Minister of Foreign Affairs and General Esseenu, Minister of War. The division of Ministries would be roughly six for the Maticual Democratic Front, five for Maticual Peasants, and four for Maticual Liberals. However, no official amouncement was made on the exact composition.

> Seurce's Comment: General Rascanu is a Communist who recently gave a Communistic address to his troops. Visciamu was a member of the Rumanian armistice mission to Moscow and is regarded by the Russians as not enti-Russian.

According to a sub-source close to the Ring, General Sanatescu's proclamation misrepresented the facts. Actually, the National Pessents, the Matienal Liberals and the King had not and would not approve the program as announced by Sanatescu. Sub-source stated that the King told Sanatesou on the night of 5 November to have a government formed by ten o'clock of the next morning

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and failing that he would call upon General Radescu (Chief of Staff of Rumanian Army) to form one.

Source's Comment: Sub-source stated that the agreement of the various persons named as Ministers had not been obtained and that Viscianu stated flatly that he would not accept the post. This is corroborated by the attitude expressed by Viscianu to source on S November.

- 5. Same sub-source stated that Meniu had phoned him, stating that neither he nor Bratians would particip to in a government which would include General Rascams as Minister of Mar and which would not include Buseshi as Minister of Moreign Affairs. The King said he was in full agreement with this.
- 4. As a result of the above the King lost confidence in Sanatoscu who is regarded as having shown himself to be a pupper in the hands of the Communists and lacking in integrity. Sub-source considered it likely that the King would call upon General Radoscu to ford a new government.

OSS Washington Note: The above should be read as a correction of a cabled report, disseminated Rij-24795, A-45418, in the last paragraph of which "General Radeson" should be substituted for "General Raseam".

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